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SUBJECT: LIVIU BRATU

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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN LIVIU BRATU TO ROMANIAN PASSPORT OFFICE IN BUCHAREST ON MAY 12 TO DISCUSS HIS CASE WITH ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT AS SOON AS BRATU HAS COMPLIED WITH REQUIREMENTS OF 1971 ROMANIAN LAW ON CITIZENSHIP HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEPART THE COUNTRY. GOR OFFICIALS PROMISED TO EXPEDITE BRATU'S REQUEST FOR RENUNCIATION OF ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP AFTER SUBMISSION TO PROPER AUTHORITIES. END OF SUMMARY.

2. ACCOMPANIED BY LIVIU BRATU, EMBOFF MET WITH PASSPORT OFFICE OFFICIAL IOAN CERNAT ON MAY 12, 1975. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT BRATU ORIGINALLY OBTAINED HIS ROMANIAN VISA ONLY AFTER CONSULTING WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND BEING TOLD THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTIES IF HE RETURNED TO ROMANIA. HE THEN EXPLAINED THAT BRATU'S AMERICANPASSPORT HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HIM AND HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO OBTAIN A ROMANIAN IDENTITY CARD. EMBOFF CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT BRATU'S PREDICAMENT AND INABILITY TO RETURN TO US HAD RAISED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN THE U.S. HE REQUESTED THE PASSPORT OFFICE'S ASSISTANCE IN HELPING BRATU PROMPTLY LEAVE ROMANIA.

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3. COUNSELLOR CERNAT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD DO EVERY-

THING HE COULD TO ASSIST BRATU BUT THE EMBASSY MUST REALIZE THAT BRATU'S CASE FALLS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ART. NO. 3 OF THE ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP LAW OF 1971. THIS STATES THAT A ROMANIAN CITIZEN WHO ADOPTS ANOTHER NATIONALITY WITHOUT FIRST DIVESTING HIMSELF OF HIS ROMANIAN NATIONALITY HAS COMMITTED AN ACT WITHOUT ANY LEGAL VALIDITY. THE GOR THEREFORE CANNOT CONSIDER BRATU A US CITIZEN UNTIL HE FILES FOR RENUNCIATION AND THE RENUNCIATION IS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PASSPORTS. ONLY THEN WILL HE BE ABLE TO LEAVE FOR THE U.S.

- 4. EMBOFF SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THESE REQUIREMENTS BUT THAT PAST EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WAS TIME-CONSUMING, TAKING A YEAR OR MORE TO COMPLETE. CERNAT REPLIED THAT IF BRATU WOULD APPLY FOR RENUNCIATION AT THE LOCAL PASSPORT OFFICE HAVING JURISDICTION OVER HIS CASE AT SIBIU, THE CENTRAL PASSPORT OFFICE IN BUCHAREST WOULD INTERVENE TO GIVE PROMPT AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO BRATU'S REQUEST.
- 5. ON THE BASIS OF THESE ASSURANCES EMBOFF HAS URGED BRATU TO FILE IMMEDIATELY APPLICATION AT SIBIU PASSPORT OFFICE AND INFORM THE EMBASSY PROMPTLY WHETHER HIS REQUEST FOR RENUNCIATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY BRATU'S EFFORST TO RENOUNCE HIS ROMANIAN CITIZENSHIP AND WILL INTERVENE AGAIN ON HIS BEHALF IF HE ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES.

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